



CALTRANS COMMUTER ALERT

Date: Friday, November 19, 2004
District: 08 – San Bernardino & Riverside Counties
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WHAT: STATE ROUTE 18 CLOSURES FOR TREE REMOVAL

WHEN: THIS WEEKEND AND NEXT WEEK (11/19 THROUGH 11/30)

WHERE: SAN BERNARDINO MOUNTAINS

Tree removal on State Route 18 will continue to remove dead and dying trees due to the bark beetle on State Route 18 in the area known as the “Arctic Circle”, from Snow Valley Ski Resort to Big Bear Dam. SR-18 will remain open on weekends. In anticipation of the holiday, SR-18 work will be done Monday and Tuesday, November 22nd and 23rd only, and remain open for the rest of the week. Work will resume on Tuesday, November 30, 2004.

The schedule for the closures is as follows:

Highway 18, Arctic Circle will be CLOSED:	Time of closure:
November 19 (Friday)	8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
November 22-23 (Mon, Tues)	8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
November 30- December 2 (Tues - Thurs)	8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
December 3 (Friday)	8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
December 6-9 (Mon-Thurs)	8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
December 10 (Friday)	8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
<i>Only if additional work is necessary – December 13-16 (Mon-Thurs)</i>	8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

DETOUR INFORMATION

To access the Big Bear Resort area, motorists can use SR-38 through Redlands or SR-18 through Apple Valley. Electronic message boards advising motorists of the temporary closures will be placed at Big Bear Dam, Running Springs, westbound I-10 at Citrus, eastbound I-10 at California and the SR-30/SR-259 interchange. Caltrans is assisting in traffic control on State Route 18. For more information please visit <http://www.bigbear.com/about/directions/> for specific directions on alternate routes to and from Big Bear.

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Up-to-the-minute road conditions are available by telephone through the Caltrans Highway Information Network at 800-427-ROAD (7623). The latest road conditions, as well as maps, weather forecasts and real-time congestion reports, are available via the Caltrans Home Page on the World Wide Web at: <http://www.caltrans.ca.gov/dist8>.

During the holiday weekend, routine highway construction and maintenance work is suspended. Nevertheless, motorists are advised to drive with caution in areas with temporary detours or other construction-related activity.

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